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AT THE CASINO:
SUPPRESS YOUR DEPSIRE TO CHEAT
WHEN ROLLING THE DICE.

THIS WEEK'S ESP HAIKU BY PEN NAME "5 SECONDS BEFORE LOVING KOI-SAN" (24) FROM FUKUOKA

PSI 128: OSU! LOVE CHALLENGE

SIGH~...

HM?

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE SIGHING A LOT.

OH?

...IT'S NOTHING THAT NOBLE.

IS IT PERHAPS BECAUSE THE END OF THE WORLD IS APPROACH-ING...

AND YOU'RE ASKING YOURSELF WHAT YOU CAN DO TO KEEP THE EQUILI-BRIUM...?

IT'S... NOTHING REALLY.

OH... SORRY~

IT'S NOTHING THAT VULGAR EITHER.

IS IT BECAUSE YOU CAN'T GET THE MARBLE YOU SHOVED UP YOUR ASS BACK OUT?

WHAT IS IT?

IS THERE SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU?

WELL, WE'RE GOING TO GO BUY SOME FOOD FROM THE SCHOOL STORE. WANT ANY-THING?

NO THANKS.

HONESTLY, IT'S REALLY NOTHING IMPORTANT.

SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WORRY.

ARE YOU SURE?

IN THAT CASE IT'S FINE, I GUESS...

...SIGH.

RIIIIING

YOU'RE KUBOYASU AREN, RIGHT...?

STEP

HEHEH... I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.

I'M GLAD YOU DECIDED NOT TO RUN AWAY...!

WILL YOU CUT THIS OUT ALREADY?

LETTER OF CHALLENGE

IM NOT A DELIN-QUENT ANYMORE.

HEH. THAT'S A GOOD ONE.

THE FORMER 10TH BOSS OF THE THE ESPERS, THE STRONGEST GANG IN THE KANTO REGION...

SOMEONE WHO'S NEVER LOST A FIGHT...

WHO'LL TAKE ON ANYONE, EVEN IF THEY'RE POLICE OR YAKUZA...

SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T EVEN LEAVE THE BONES OF THEIR OPPONENTS BEHIND.

BOOM

AND SOMEONE I SERIOUSLY REGRET PICKING A FIGHT AGAINST... THAT'S THE SORT OF GUY YOU ARE!

THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD EVER GIVE UP BEING A DELIN-QUENT...!

I'M SURPRISED YOU STILL WANT TO FIGHT WHEN YOU KNOW ALL THAT...

I MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT I'M AN HONORABLE GUY...

SO LET'S HAVE A NICE, FAIR ONE-ON-ONE FIGHT...

YEAH, I PROMISE.

WELL, WHAT-EVER...

IF I FIGHT YOU AND WIN, PROMISE ME YOU'LL NEVER GET INVOLVED WITH ME AGAIN, OKAY?

THUD

STEP...

HUH... YOU SEEM PRETTY CONFIDENT... WELL THEN LET'S...

HEY. DON'T GET DISTRACT-ED.

!? WHA-!?

SMACK

...HAVE A FAIR FIGHT.

SIGH...

PYAN !!

CRACK

...JUST AS I THOUGHT. THIS WAS THE SOURCE OF HIS WORRIES.

TCH... I THOUGHT I'D FINALLY GIVEN UP BEING A DELINQUENT, BUT THIS IS NO DIFFERENT FROM HOW I WAS BEFORE...

IT SEEMS LIKE PEOPLE HAVE STARTED GOING AFTER ME EVER SINCE MY DELINQUENT PAST GOT EXPOSED DURING THE SAIKO INCIDENT...

I GOT IN ANOTHER FIGHT. DAMN...!

WELL, VIOLENCE ONLY LEADS TO MORE VIOLENCE, SO HE WON'T BE ABLE TO ESCAPE FROM THIS CYCLE.

AT LEAST NOT UNLESS HE CHANGES HIS STRATEGY, OR USES SOME SORT OF EXTREMELY OVERWHELMING POWER.

...HM?

LETTER OF CHALLENGE FOR KUBOYASU

CHALLENGE

DIE

I GOT SO MANY CHALLENGE LETTERS TODAY... SHIT.

HOW LONG IS IT GOING TO TAKE TO FINISH ALL THESE FIGHTS...

JUST IGNORE THEM.

UHH... "DEAR KUBOYASU-KUN"... -KUN!?

"PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME."

"I LIKE YOU"... HUHH?

KEH. BRING IT ON. I'LL GO ALL OUT IN THIS FIGHT...

LETTERS OF CHALLENGE SHOULD HAVE MORE IMPACT...

RUSTLE RUSTLE

RIP

WHAT THE HECK? WHAT'S WITH THIS CHILDISH LOOKING ENVELOPE...

LET'S SEE...

TH... THIS IS...

INTENSE

THIS IS A MUCH MORE SERIOUS PROBLEM.. IT'S...

WHO CARES ABOUT STUFF LIKE LETTERS OF CHALLENGE...

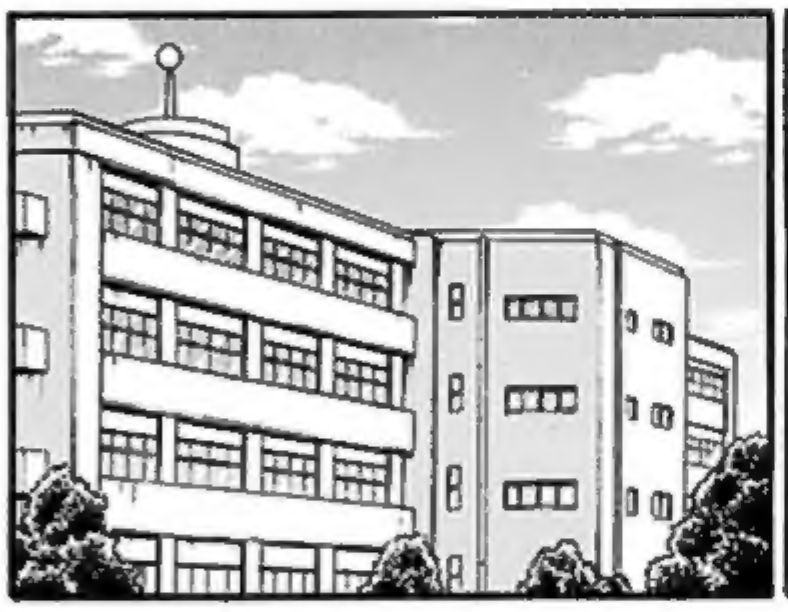
INTENSE

INTENSE

!?

WHOOSH
WHO'S THERE!?
UH!?

IT'S ONE OF THOSE SO-CALLED LOVE LETTERS...!!
BADUMP
BADUMP
ARE YOU ANGRY? OR IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR HEART RACING?
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP



...WOAH, I THOUGHT I WAS COMPLETELY HIDING MY PRESENCE...
WHAT IS HE, A WILD ANIMAL ...?
... SAIKI...!

WELL... IT LOOKS LIKE A PRETTY STANDARD LOVE LETTER.

DEAR KUBOYASU-KUN,
SORRY FOR SENDING YOU THIS LETTER OUT OF THE BLUE. BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I ABSOLUTELY HAD TO TELL YOU.
I LIKE YOU KUBOYASU-KUN ♡
IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU, WILL YOU GO OUT WITH ME?
I'LL BE WAITING TO HEAR YOUR REPLY AT WANPAKU PARK TODAY AT 6PM.
-KUMIKO
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

AND...? SETTING THAT ASIDE...

WOULDN'T IT BE RUDE TO NOT GO IN FORMAL ATTIRE!?

HUH!?

I MEAN, THIS IS A REQUEST TO START A RELATION-SHIP, ISN'T IT!?

YOU'RE TAKING THIS WAY TOO SERIOUS-LY.

TA-DAH

WHAT'S WITH THE CLOTHES?

WH...WHAT SHOULD I DO?

THAT'S WHY I DON'T REALLY KNOW ABOUT THIS KIND OF STUFF...

AT MY OLD SCHOOL, ABOUT 80% OF THE GUYS HAD TO RESIST TEMPTATIONS FROM THE SEDUCTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIED GIRL GANGS...

YOU SHOULD TEACH TORITSUKA A THING OR TWO.

SINCE I'VE BEEN LIVING A ROUGH LIFE UP UNTIL NOW...

...I SEE... I MEAN, I'M NOT REALLY USED TO THIS SORT OF THING...

...KUBOYASU KUMIKO... HUH.

YOU'RE ALREADY THINKING THAT FAR AHEAD?

HEH. NOT BAD.

STILL, I WONDER WHO SHE IS... THIS "KUMIKO"...

KUMIKO... KUMIKO, HUH...

EVEN IF YOU ASK ME, I HAVE NO CLUE.

FOR NOW, WHY DON'T YOU JUST MEET HER AND DECIDE IF YOU WANT TO START DATING OR NOT.

I'VE ALREADY DECIDED THAT I'M ONLY GOING TO LOVE ONE WOMAN FOR MY ENTIRE LIFE!

IF I DATE SOMEONE THEN OBVIOUSLY I'M GOING TO MARRY THEM!

THIS GUY'S WAY TOO SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.

YOU'RE REALLY JUMPING THE GUN HERE.

YOU HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED DATING HER YET.

...HUH? WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK?

I HOPE THE CHARACTERS DON'T HAVE TOO MANY STROKES...

?

WHO KNOWS.

MY GRAND-MOTHER KUMI WRITES HERS "久美" SO IT'S PROBABLY SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

HEY, WHICH KANJI DO YOU THINK ARE USED TO WRITE KUMIKO?

I BET KUMIKO HASN'T THOUGHT ANYWHERE NEAR THIS MUCH ABOUT IT.

TN: THE TATOO READS "KUMIKO FOR LIFE".

YOU KNOW...

JUST HOW FAR AHEAD ARE YOU PLANNING HERE...

I MEAN, WHAT IF YOU MEET HER AND SHE'S NOT EVEN YOUR TYPE...?

TA-DAH

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I MEAN, WHEN WE START DATING I'LL NEED TO GET A TATTOO OF HER NAME, RIGHT?

IT'D BE TOUGH IF THE KANJI WERE REALLY COMPLEX.

TOO SERIOUS.

THIS IS DESTINY... Y'KNOW?

THE SECOND I LAID EYES ON THAT LETTER, I KNEW SHE WAS THE ONE...

BOOM

SAIKI... I MIGHT HAVE TO QUIT SCHOOL...

CALM DOWN.

Dear KUBOYASU-KUN ♡

SORRY FOR SENDING YOU THIS LETTER OUT OF THE BLUE. BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I ABSOLUTELY HAD TO TELL YOU.

I LIKE YOU KUBOYASU-KUN ♡

IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU, WILL YOU GO OUT WITH ME?

I'LL BE WAITING TO HEAR YO

REPLY AT WANPAKU PARK TODAY AT 6PM.

-KUMIKO

JUST LOOK AT HER HAND-WRITING...

IT'S REALLY CUTE AND CURLY, RIGHT...?

BLUSH

THAT'S IT!?

TA-DAH

Motor Web

BIKES

WELL, I'M NOT OPPOSED TO MANUAL LABOR EITHER. EVEN BLUE-COLLAR WORK WOULD BE FINE...

FOR NOW I CAN GO BEG THE OWNER OF THE BIKE STORE I FREQUENT TO HIRE ME...

JUST HOW FAR ARE YOU AND KUMIKO WILLING TO GO?

I'M SURE THE SCHOOL WON'T APPROVE OF OUR MARRIAGE, PLUS I'D HAVE TO PROVIDE FOR KUMIKO, RIGHT?

WELL, I MEAN... THIS IS ONLY IF WE START DATING, OF COURSE!

TN: APPARENTLY TAKING OFF YOUR SHOES BEFORE GETTING IN YOUR CAR IS A THING SOME PEOPLE DO TO KEEP THEIR CAR FLOORS CLEAN.

ALSO STEREO-TYPICAL.

ONCE I HAVE A FAMILY, IT'D BE TOO DANGEROUS TO RIDE A MOTORCYCLE, SO I'LL SELL MINE AND BUY A CHEAP CAR OR SOMETHING.

ONE WITH A SHEEPSKIN DASHBOARD AND A LEOPARD PATTERN STEERING WHEEL...

OH! AND OF COURSE IT'LL BE A NO-SHOES CAR, Y'KNOW?

HOW STEREO-TYPICAL.

THEN THE TWO OF US WILL LIVE TOGETHER IN A CHEAP RUN-DOWN APARTMENT WITH A CAT.

ON THE WEEKEND WE'LL PUT ON MATCHING SWEATS AND GO FURNITURE SHOPPING AT THE LOCAL DISCOUNT STORE.

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WHAT IF WE TOOK ONE KANJI FROM EACH OF THOSE NAMES AND NAMED HIM KUBOYASU AKUA?

HEHEH. NOT BAD, RIGHT?

...SOUNDS LIKE AQUA.

TA-DAH

WHY WOULD NEWBORN HAVE A MULLET?

AND THEN EVENTUALLY WE'LL HAVE A CHILD...

IF IT'S A BOY THEN... AREN... KUMIKO...

I WONDER WHAT WE SHOULD NAME THE KID...

TN PART OF THIS JOKE IS THAT DELINQUENT PARENTS TEND TO GIVE THEIR KIDS "KIRA-KIRA NAMES" I.E. NAMES WHERE THE KANJI IS READ IN AN UNSUAL WAY SO IT SOUNDS LIKE A FOREIGN WORD.

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AQUA-MARINE.

KUBO-YASU MARIN...

SKRITCH

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AND IF IT'S A GIRL... MAYBE THIS.

"UMI"...? THAT'S A PRETTY NORMAL NAME.

I SHOULD GET GOING THEN.

KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM SHUN AND THE OTHERS FOR NOW, OKAY?

STEP

OOPS!

IT'S ALREADY THIS LATE!?

THE LETTER SAID 6PM, RIGHT?

GOOD GRIEF. I THOUGHT HE WAS A LITTLE MORE REASON-ABLE THAN THAT.

SEE YA!

DASH

TO THINK EVEN HE WAS THIS MESSED UP...

THANKS TO YOU, I'VE STEELED MY RESOLVE TO QUIT SCHOOL...!

THANKS FOR HEARING ME OUT, SAIKI.

DON'T PUSH THE BLAME FOR THIS ONTO ME.

LET'S GO SPY ON HIM.

SERI-OUSLY, GOOD GRIEF...

SIGH... WHAT A SERIOUS WASTE OF TIME.

...NOW THEN.

STAND...

I HAVEN'T BEEN THIS NERVOUS SINCE THAT TIME IN 6TH GRADE WHEN I RAIDED A YAKUZA HEAD-QUARTERS...

SHIT...! I'M GETTING NERVOUS... I REALLY WANT TO RUN AWAY...

WANPAKU PARK

...PHEW...

MUST BE MY IMAGINATION. ...I THOUGHT I FELT SOMEONE'S PRESENCE...

?

IT'S NOT YOUR IMAGI-NATION.

BAM

EVEN THOUGH I PROMISED TO GIVE UP FIGHTING, I HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH RESOLVE...

GRIP

ALTHOUGH... THERE ARE THINGS I NEED TO FIX ABOUT MYSELF TOO...

STILL, SHE'S LATE...! I'LL HAVE TO GET HER TO FIX THAT HABIT...

LOOKS LIKE TURNING MYSELF INVISIBLE JUST IN CASE WAS THE RIGHT DECISION.

HIS ANTI-SURPRISE ATTACK SENSES ARE INCREDI-BLE...

!! SHE'S FINALLY HERE...!

RUSTLE

KUBOYASU-KUN ♡

I SWEAR ON KUMIKO'S NAME, I'LL NEVER FIGHT AGAIN!!

IT'S TIME TO FULLY WASH MY HANDS OF BOTH FIGHTING AND DELINQUENCY...! AFTER ALL, THIS BODY DOESN'T BELONG TO JUST ME ANY MORE...!

GYAHA HAHA DID WE TRICK YOU?

AHAHAHA HEHEHE

KUMIKO DOESN'T EXIST, IDIOT!!

THANKS FOR WAITING~

IT'S ME~ KUMIKO~ ♡

HEY, SAY SOMETHING PUNK!

HA HA HA

...WELL, I FIGURED IT WAS SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

AHAHAHA

SO TAKUMI HERE WORKED HARD TO WRITE YOU A GIRLY LOOKING LETTER!

I FIGURED A REGULAR LETTER OF CHALLENGE WOULD JUST SCARE YOU OFF~

I'M TAKUMI!!

HYA HA HA HA

THAT'S OKAY!! IF YOU WANT US TO LET YOU GO, JUST GET ON YOUR KNEES AND...

GYAHAHA-HA! HE'S ACTUALLY SCARED!!

HA HA HA HA

WHAT WAS THAT?

HUHH!?

...SIGH...

...I ALREADY DECIDED TO GIVE UP FIGHTING...

RUSTLE

!?

YOU DIDN'T FOOL ME FOR A SECOND.

...OF COURSE I KNEW IT WAS FAKE...

MENACE

...IS DEAD!!

MENACE

TWITCH

MENACE

EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU...

WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT?

NO ONE PICKED A FIGHT WITH KUBOYASHI FOR A WHILE.

NOW IT LOOKS LIKE *HE'S* THE ONE PICKING FIGHTS.

...EXTREMELY OVERWHELMING POWER...

UWAHHH

I'M GOING TO TURN EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU INTO MINCEMEAT!!

CRASH

CRACK

AFTER THAT...

BOOM

POW

JENNIFER FOR LIFE
KEIKO FOR LIFE
HIROKO FOR LIFE
MEI-CHAN FOR LIFE
FUMI FOR LIFE
RUMI FOR LIFE
NATSUKO FOR LIFE
YUIKO FOR LIFE
MAK FOR LIFE
YUNKO FOR LIFE
AMI FOR LIFE
YUMI FOR LIFE
SAKURA FOR LIFE
AI FOR LIFE
MITSUKO FOR LIFE
YUI FOR LIFE
AKEMI FOR LIFE
KAORI FOR LIFE
KURUMI FOR LIFE
TOMOKO FOR LIFE
NAOMI FOR LIFE